

**RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSIT PLANNING BOARD ESTABLISHING  
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE  
ATLANTA REGION: "ATLANTA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY"**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority created the Transit Planning Board through Joint Resolution in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Planning Board will sunset following the conclusion of the December 2008 Board meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, a major part of the adopted work program has been to establish a governance structure for public transportation in the Atlanta Region that can implement the adopted regional transit vision "Concept 3"; and

**WHEREAS**, through work with the Transit Planning Board members, using guiding principles for regional transit governance, senior staff from all partner agencies, public input and transit governance examples across the world, a framework for an "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority" has been developed; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia is developing a Strategic Plan for Transportation Investment "Investing in Tomorrow's Transportation Today / IT<sup>3</sup>"; and

**WHEREAS**, there are ongoing regional transit projects and policies that require a deliberation forum such as regional fare policy, regional transit service coordination, consolidated and prioritized legislative agendas at the federal and state levels and publishing regional transit statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Planning Board has identified a need for new dedicated transit funding for implementation of "Concept 3" and the continued operation of the Atlanta Region's existing transit systems in a state of good repair; and

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Transit Planning Board, that the transit governance structure for the Atlanta Region shall be the "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority" as described in the attached Policy Paper; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Transit Planning Board that the primary objective of the "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority" shall be the

implementation of the “Concept 3” transit investment vision plan including the operation of the existing transit systems in a state of good repair; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall initially govern on a “going forward” basis with all transit agencies’ existing funding, authorities, services and responsibilities intact; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall be the mechanism by which all new state or regional funding sources for transit in the Atlanta Region will be programmed to agencies using accountability through implementation performance standards and public transparency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall be constituted as a board with representative and weighted participation, following the guiding principles and including the identified constituents for transit governance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” governance structure is used as input to the new transit investment governance framework for the Atlanta Region in the Georgia IT<sup>3</sup> Strategic Plan for Transportation Investment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall be constituted in Georgia statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Transit Planning Board that the Atlanta Region will continue to actively pursue constitution and full evolution of the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority.”

**ATTEST:**

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Chair, Transit Planning Board

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Director, Transit Planning Board

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Secretary, Transit Planning Board